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SUBJECT: REQUEST MEDIA ATTENTION AND PLAY-BACK ON ATTORNEY
GENERAL BELL'S HOBART SPEECH JULY 21

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL'S SPEECH ON JULY 21 IN
HOBART TO THE AUSTRALIAN LAW COUNCIL AND TASMANIAN LAW
SOCIETY WILL DEAL WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN
THE US. IN ADDITION, DRAFT CONTAINS FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

QUOTE: AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED
THAT INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION BE FOCUSED IN COMING WEEKS ON
THE UPCOMING TRIALS IN THE SOVIET UNION OF SEVERAL PROMI-
NENT SOVIET DISSIDENTS. AS SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE SAID
ON JULY 8, THESE MEN AND WOMEN "OF UNCOMMON COURAGE" ARE
BEING PUT ON TRIAL ON A NUMBER OF PRETEXTS. HE SAID THAT
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IN TRUTH, "THEY ARE BEING TRIED FOR ASSERTING FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN RIGHTS -- TO SPEAK OUT AND TO PETITION AND CRITICIZE
THEIR GOVERNMENT. THESE TRIALS," HE SAID, "WITH THEIR LACK
OF DUE PROCESS VIOLATE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE."

THE BEST JUDGE NOW IS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF OPINION,
AND WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOW DOING IS INVITING AND

ENCOURAGING THE WORLD TO OBSERVE AND JUDGE FOR ITSELF
WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION AFFORDS DUE PROCESS TO ITS OWN

CITIZENS AND MANIFESTS ITS OWN BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF
THE INDIVIDUAL. END QUOTE.

2. ACTION. JUDGE BELL'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT MIKE KELLY
WILL HAVE FULL TEXT OF SPEECH. PAO SHOULD ENSURE SPEECH
RECEIVES MEDIA ATTENTION AND SHOULD CABLE REPORT, INCLUDING
REFERENCE ABOVE PARAS. CHRISTOPHER

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